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OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by ſome of the Society of GENTLEMEN, *Concern'd in the Firſt and Second* VOLUME, *with the Aſſiſtance of other Ingenious* PERSONS.

From **Monday** February 26th. to **Wednesday** February 28th. 1711.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. BE *pleaſed to inform me in your next, who were the Authors of the* Talmud, *which the* Jews *have ſo high a Regard for, and even prefer it to the Holy Scriptures, and whether there is now any ſuch Book extant, and what it contains.*

A. If we believe the *Jews*, God himſelf was the Author of the *Talmud*, which he delivered to *Moſes* during his 40 Days continuance in Mount *Sinai*. *Moſes* again delivered it to *Aaron*, and he to *Eleazar*, by whom it was communicated to the other Prieſts, and from them was tranſmitted to their Poſterity, not in writing but by word of Mouth. The *Jews* look upon it as an ample and full Syſtem of all their Civil and Canon Laws, of which thoſe that are contained in the Pentateuch of *Moſes* are but a ſmall and inconſiderable Part. It conſiſts now of two Parts, of which the former, called *Miſna*, is the Text, the other the Comment, called *Guemara*. The *Miſna*, which ſignifies a Repetition or reiterated Leſſon, is written in Rabbinical pure *Hebrew* and in a very conciſe and obſcure Style, as the Learned Father *Simon* informs us. The Doctrines it contains are pretended to be tranſcribed from the Memories of the high Prieſt by Rabbi *Juda Hakkadoſh* about the Year of Chriſt 188. He divided it into ſix Parts, of which the firſt treats of Agriculture or Tillage and ſowing; the ſecond of Feſtivals; the third of Marriages and other Points concerning Woman; the fourth concerning Loſs and Profit and all manner of civil Matters; the fifth of Sacrifices, and the ſixth of Things clean and unclean. But the brevity and obſcurity of this Book giving occaſion to many diſputes, two Rabbins of *Babylon*; *Rabenu* and *Rabaſe*, undertook to collect all the Interpretations, Diſputations and Additions, which had been made till their Time upon the *Miſna*, and ſo compoſed the other Part, *viz.* the *Guemara* called otherwiſe the *Babylonian Talmud*, to diſtinguiſh it from the *Jeruſalem Talmud*, which was another Comment upon the *Miſna*, made by Rabbi *Jochanan* of *Jeruſalem* ſome Years before, which was ſhort and writ in a rude Style, and therefore the *Babylonian* was preferred before it. The whole *Talmud* is nothing elſe but a heap of ridiculous Traditions and Fables, mixed with the *Jewiſh* Law; there are likewiſe Blaſphemies in it of ſeveral kinds. And not to mention thoſe againſt our Saviour, they tell us that before the Creation of the World, God Almighty ſtruck out ſeveral Plans, and attempted to form it upon different Models, in like manner as an Architect makes a Scheme or Model of a Building; and that he ſpent three Hours a Day in reading the *Jewiſh* Law; and other the like groſs Abſurdities it contains which are not fit to be mention'd. The Book is ſtill extant among the *Jews*, and there are many Editions of it, but that which is moſt valued by them is the *Venice* Edition by *Bombergue*, which is in twelve large Volumes, and is now very ſcarce, becauſe the *Jews* of the Levant carry the greateſt Part of the Copies thither. Notwithſtanding there are both this and other Editions of it in *Sion-College* Library.

Q. *It is a common Experiment, that Water will diſſolve common Salt not indifinitely, but only to a certain determinate Proportion, after which all the reſt that is put in will fall to the Bottom of the Veſſel undiſſolved. Notwithſtanding other Bodies are capable of being afterwards diſolved in it,* as Allum, Salt Ammoniac, Sugar, &c. *but none of them beyond a cer-*

tain Quantity. The Reason of which strange Phænomenon *I desire you give me in your next.*

A. This Experiment it self is an Evidence, that Water contains various *Spatiola* or Receptacles of different Figures, some Spherical, some Cubical, some Octohedrical, &c. and that this Variety of those Figures, doth accommodate it to extract the Tinctures of several Bodies injected therein. For Instance, supposing the Atomical Particles of which one sort of Bodies is composed to be Cubical, since the Place must be perfectly adequate to the Thing placed in it, they can only fill those empty Spaces in the Water, which are also Cubical; but for Bodies whose Particles are of a different Figure, there may remain empty Spaces fit to receive them: So that it may be difficult to evince by Experiment, that any Liquor is so Sated with the precedent Tinctures, as not to be capable of others also; especially while we cannot arrive at the exact Knowledge of the Figure of the Atomical Particles and of the Body to be infused, nor of the Figures of those minute Spaces in the Liquor, which remain unpossessed by the former Dissolutions.

Q. Gentlemen, *Your Candid and Ingenious Answers have given the World an undoubted indication of your worth; and have render'd your Charity as well as other Vertues as conspicuous as your Abilities. With some assurance therefore of a satisfactory and speedy Answer (which I find most of your Querists very pressing for) I humbly Remonstrate, that your Client having for very weighty Reasons (to himself best known,) courted the Lady* PECUNIA *some Years, with all the Diligence and assiduity of a fair and modest Lover, has notwithstanding found her so wondrous coy, that all his innocent Arts cou'd not prevail to obtain the least Favour; which discouragement, together with the prospect of so many Rivals, that will stick at nothing to obtain her, have thrown him almost into despair. But there being lately started up a great many Projects and Proposals, undertaking to procure her Ladiship's good Graces, he begins to revive, hoping by the Direction of your Auspicious Oracle, and the Patronage of* Lucina *(Hymen he will have nothing to do with) to partake at least of some of her Favours. His Petition then is, that you wou'd be pleas'd to direct him where he may apply himself with the most probable assurance of Success. Wherein you may possibly oblige a Thousand in the same Circumstances, with*

Your Humble Servant M. B.

Now Gentlemen *give me leave to add a word* under the Rose. *The above is to be publish'd if you think fit; but fearing you may think it come from some Puny wou'd-be — that without troubling you, might enquire into these matters himself; some silly Fellow or other that is not worth answering; and believing you to be Persons of worth and Honour, I will confess to you that your Querist is an unfortunate helpless Woman (as perhaps you may guess) now as the Painter said when he miss'd his aim of making a God, it wou'd however make a very good Devil: so I hope from a Woman it may be lookt on with a benign Aspect, and favour'd with a speedy Answer, which will not only be a Charity to your Querist, but may help to promote fair and just Designs, that are likely to continue,* i. e. *such as are honest and profitable. I wou'd ask also if you wou'd give me leave, whether those Offices might not be convenient and benificial, if reduc'd to two or three or half a dozen, and whether those extravagant Numbers are not detrimental to the good People in and about this Town? But for that as you please, I beg only your Answer to the former, which will very much oblige your Humble Servant.*

A. We advise you by all means to desist further pursuit of this Lady *PECUNIA*, for she is the arrantest Jilt in Nature, when you have her, you are never sure of her longer than while you have her under Lock and Key; she is of most scandalous Conversation, generally seen in the Company of Knaves and Fools, yet while the former Rack their Brains to obtain her good Graces, she will Voluntarily leap into the Arms of the latter, besides she has debauched more than all the Temptations on Earth besides; and guilty of the most Flagrant Impieties. Her self, being frequently the occasion of Murders, Rapine, Sacrilege, &c, Nor will she franckly yield to any's Courtship, till her Humble Servants first have divested themselves of all Justice and Humanity: Her promis'd Bliss at last, usually concluding in Remorse and Scandal.

But whereas our Querist, on the sudden is metamorphos'd into a Woman, we more vehemently advise her to avoid the Inchantments of this Lady *PECUNIA*, as the most pernicious Bawd on Earth; and to remember that *Danae's Chastity* was inviolable, 'till [illegible] in a *Gold'n Shower.*

As to your publick [illegible]tion, did two or three g[illegible] Ac[illegible] the rest, they [illegible] turn to Account. And whereas they all boast of great Encouragements, shou'd the *State* tax them in proportion to their Boasts, we are apt to believe their Numbers wou'd be soon lessen'd.

Q. 1. Gentlemen, *Its an Old Saying (and I think a True one)* That none but Knaves or Fools lay Wagers, *for he is a Knave to lay when he is sure to win; and he's a Fool to lay on an uncertainty. Your Answer to this will Oblige Yours,* &c. F. H.

Q. 2. *And now I am at Old Sayings, I must desire the meaning of that Proverb,* the Nearer the Church the Further from God. *Yours,* ut Supra.

Q. 3. *Query, Why is it said,* the Furthereſt way about, is the Neareſt way home?

A. The first you have answer'd your self, and the two last you will find answer'd in our former Volumes, to which the Indexes will direct you.

POEMS.

Q. APOLLO, *of late,*
It proved my Fate,
Into a Pav'd Court for to Blunder,
And so bold I did venture,
A House for to enter,
Where I heard a most damnable Thunder.

Just as I went in,
The Fray did begin,
Where F——k *and's Mate I assure ye,*

With

With Complements ſtore,
Of Dam'd Dog, Jade and Whore,
Pelted each other with Fury.

You muſt know, Sir, that I
All the while did ſtand by,
Not minding to take part with either,
For I reſolve on my Life,
I'll ne'er part Man and Wife,
When the Surplice has put 'em together.

Theſe Combatants ſtout,
For ſome time held it out,
Till at length ſhe made F——k *knock under,*
Then to my ſurprize
She immedictely Cries,
To Allay the great Heat of her Thunder.

And now, Sir, APOLLO,
Pray liſt what doth follow,
For 'tis that I deſire to know,
When F——k *ſhe'd beat,*
And had made to retreat,
The Cauſe of her Weeping then ſhow.

More Queſtions I have,
But would not enſlave,
Nor trouble APOLLO *with many;*
For of All that I've Fram'd,
(I'll vow I'm aſham'd)
Cauſe not worth the Peruſal of any.

Your Servant.

A. The little World, *Man,*
As Philoſophers Scan,
Analogy holds with the Greater;
From whence you may read,
How matters proceed
I'th' leſs, by ſuperior Nature.

When Storms in Racks fly,
Above in the Sky,
Poor Mortals affrightening under,
Obſerve and you will find,
On allay of the Wind,
A Show'r always follows the Thunder.

Thus *Xantippe* of Old,
(That unparallell'd Scold)
For a time having rattled her Mate,
Out of Window did look,
Then a P—pot ſhe took;
And threw it full ſous on his Pate.

Now whether from Eyes,
Or P—pot it flies,
Or any thing elſe in her Pow'r;
Tho't differs in Name,
The thing is the ſame,
And ſtill may be counted a Show'r.

Q. *You* Baſtards Sons *of Fam'd* APOLLO,
Whom I reſolve no more to follow;
For it appears to all paſt doubt
Your Wit was only flaſh——then out.
Your ſcurvy Proſe and Jingling Verſe,
Is only fit to wipe one's A—ſe,
But I believe the Reaſon is,
(Pray Gentlemen *don't take't amiſs)*
Your Income is decreaſed ſo much,
That ah! Your Miſery is ſuch.
APOLLO, *who was us'd to ſhine,*
In Tavern drinking gen'rous Wine,
Is glad if Penny he can get,
In Ale-Houſe for to take a whet.
Since only Foggy Ale inſpires,
And kindles your Poetick Fires;
No wonder if your Works don't Shine,
As when inſpir'd by ſparkling Wine.
No prithee ſpeak is not this true?
And ſo once lov'd a long adieu.

A. APOLLO has a ſad Diſaſter,
To looſe ſo fine a Poetaſter,
Who with his dull, *ſtale Thought* of Drinks,
Aſſaults us terribly, he thinks,
A *Thought* to *Ballads* damn'd long ſince,
And now exploded even thence.
For once thou little Dabſter follow,
The wholeſome counſel of *APOLLO*;
Pretend not (Uninventive Creature)
To *write*, againſt thy Stars and Nature;
But rather far, laborioufly,
Thy Hand to Plow, or Awl apply;
Thou may'ſt by calling, ſuch as theſe.
Procure Leek-Pottage and hard Cheeſe;
But thou'rt for *Port*, as unfit,
As for the *Court* an *aukard Cit.*
Yet if thou wilt conſume thy Time,
(Declining Senſe) in ſcurvey Rhime;
For *Bell Men* only Ditties write,
To bawl them lewdly in the Night;
While Mortals may, but half away,
Thy Lines for Poetry miſtake.

SIR,

London, Feb. 28th.

LAſt Week was interred at St. Pauls Covent-Garden, Mrs. Elizabeth Lock, a Maid, Aged 106. The half Pay Officers in Ireland, have there Orders to go into the Service upon the firſt Notice. Laſt Thurſday Henry Guy, Eſq; formerly Secretary to the Treaſury died, he has left his Eſtate which was very conſiderable to William Poultney, Eſq; who

who is as we are inform'd to change his Name to that of Guy. His Grace the Duke of Argyle has 1500l. allowed him for his Equipage, and one 100l. per Week, as Her Majeſties Ambaſſador Extraordinary to the King of Spain and Plenipotentiary. Sir James Wiſhart, is unanimouſly choſen Member of Parliament for Portſmouth. Sir Thomas Cave, Bart. is choſen Knt. of the Shire for Leiceſter, in the room of the Marquis of Granby, now Duke of Rutland. We are inform'd that the Lord Brooks is dead. Dublin, Feb. 17th, the Circuits appointed for the Lent Aſſizes, are as follows, viz. Norfolk Circuit, Lord Cheif Juſtice Brodrick, Mr. Juſtice Coole. Lenifter Circuit, D. C. Juſtice Doyne, Mr. Juſtice Dolben. North Weſt Circuit of Ulſter, D. Cheif Baron Rochfort, Mr. Baron Ecklin. North Eaſt Circuit of Ulſter, Mr. Juſtice Mackartney, Mr. Juſtice Upton. Connaught Circuit, Mr. Baron Johnſon, Mr. Serjeant Neve. A Ship lately arrived here from the the Baltick, is obliged to perform her Quarantine, notwithſtanding the Maſter has brought Certificates, that the place from whence ſhe came was very healthy. On Sunday laſt, the Lord Buckhurſt, Son of the Right Honourable the Earl of Dorſet, was Baptized and named Charles, the Counteſs Dowager of Northampton ſtanding Godmother, the Duke of Shrewsbury and the Earl of Northampton, Godfathers.

Which is all from Yours, &c.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

AT the Office of Inſurance on Marriage, in *Bolt-Court, Fleet-Street*, any Perſon by Paying 2 s. for a Policy, Stamps and 2 *s.* towards each Marriage, until their own, or the Marriage of any other Perſon may ſecure to themſelves 200 *l.* *Note*, tho' this Office began but the 2d of *January*, there are above 1800 Subſcribers, out of which no more than 26 Married this Year, who have received from 12 *l.* to 140 *l.* at the ſmall Charge of 4 *s.* to 12 *s.* the 26 Claimants having paid no more than 14 *l.* for 2500 *l.* which will appear by their Receipts, which may be ſeen at the Office, andthe Perſons are all ready and willing to teſtify the Truth hereof: Wherefore 'tis hoped the Profits which are daily increaſing, will induce all Perſons who conſult their own Intereſt to incourage this which has given ſuch convincing Proofs by regular Payments of its Fairneſs and Advantage. At the ſame Place is a Second Inſurance, where any Perſons paying 5 *s.* for a Policy and Entrance, and 5 *s.* towards each Marriage, may Secure to themſelves 500 *l.* Propoſals may be had *Gratis*

BY the Friendly and Equitable Society Office, at the Wooll-pack near the Leg-Tavern, in Fleet-Street. On Monday February the 19th. was open'd 3 Offices on Dividends, on ſingle Perſons who continue unmarried 3 Calendar Months from the Date of their Policies. Alſo there is 3 Offices. open'd on Marriages for 1 Month, and Servants for 2 Months, which meets with goodEncouragement And for which Office, Truſtees are already choſen and 2000 *l* Security given to them for the Satisfaction of the Subſcribers. Propoſals at large. may be had Gratis at the Office.

At a Certain Charge.

ON Thurſday being the 15th Inſtant, February in the Little Piazza Covent Garden, was opened 2 Books for Inſurance on Marriage where any one may be intituled to 750 *l.* or 500 *l.* by way of a Weekly Payment and Dividend.

Note, at the ſame Place on Perſons for 17 *s.* 6 *d.* by him paid, has received 60 *l* 17 *s.* 6 *d.* on the Birth of a Child; ann one Service any one may be intitul'd to 1000 *l.* 500 *l.* 250 *l.* or 100 *l.* by way of a Weekly payment and Dividend alſo.

AT the Faithful Office of Inſurance at Widow Prat's Coffee-Houſe, in Cat-Eaton-Street, between St. Laurance-Church and the corner of Aldermanbury. Subſcriptions are taken in up on Marriages at a certain Charge, by Weekly Payment and Contribution, Where Perſon may inſure for Two Months, and pay no Contribution of One Month after Entrance. Likewiſe Inſurance upon Births at a Certain Charge, wherein Perſons are admitted to Inſure or Six Weeks, or one Month, and be at no further Charge in Three Weeks after Entrance. Subſcriptions are likewiſe taken in upon Hir'd Servants, where any one may Inſure for the Space of Five or Six Months, and be at no more Charge for Three Months after Entrance Note, This Week two Perſons have receiv'd Twenty Pounds for the Expence of Thirty Shillings, by Inſuring upon Births. Propoſals are given Gratis at the Office.

BY the Honourable and Voluntary Societies, for Inſurance on Marriages, Births and Servants, by Claims and Devidends, at the Golden-Harp, almoſt againſt Somerſet-Houſe in the Strand.

This Day, Subſcriptions are taken in for Inſuring on the Birth of a Child 1000, 500, 250 and 100 l. by Claims and Devidends, for 1, 2 and 3 Months.

N. B. On Monday the 19th Inſtant, the firſt Weeks Contribution was paid to 5 Claimants, when two Perſons 17 s. 6 d. by them paid, receiv'd 26 l. 16 s. 6d. each.

Inſurance on Marriages and Servants by Claims and Devidends for 2 or 4 Months, very great Encouragement for them that Enter from this Day.

Note, No more then 2 s. is taken for Pollicies Stamps and Entrance in any of theſe Offices.

AT the Inſurance Office on Marriages, in King's-Head-Court in Petticoat-Lane, where three Perſons for paying 3 *s.* a piece have received 92 *l.* 4 *s.* The Books are now open, were any Perſon may Subſcribe paying 2 *s.* for Policies and Stamps and one Shilling towards each Claim, may be entitul'd to a Claim in 4 Months, and not be Oblig'd to pay any Money till one Month after the Day of their Entrance.

The Office on Births is in like manner continued, where daily Attendance is given and Policies delivered out as uſual.

At a Certain Charge.

THis Day Subſcriptions are taken in upon Births and Marriages, at the Three Crowns, next to Durham-Yard in the Strand, for 6 Weeks, and Servants 3 Months upon a Dividend. Likewiſe Subſcriptions are taken in upon Marriages, upon a Claim for a Month. Truſtees being choſen, and Undeniable Security is given for the performance of the ſame.

Propoſals at large to be had at the Office *Gratis*.

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